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SUBJECT: SERBIA: FY09 PROHIBITION ON ASSISTANCE TO CENTRAL  
GOVERNMENTS WHOSE BUDGETS ARE NOT TRANSPARENT

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In response to reftel request, post confirms that the Government of Serbia's (GOS) central budget is adequately transparent. The GOS budget is publicly available, including online via the Finance Ministry's website. The published budget includes income and expenditure items for the current year and projections for future years. In addition, parliamentary discussion of the budget is televised. In the Embassy's opinion, the published budget adequately reflects the Government's income and expenditure.

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